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“To be a good neighbor is one of life’s richest joys.”

– THE DAILY QUIPPLE”

## THANKFUL IN NOVEMBER!





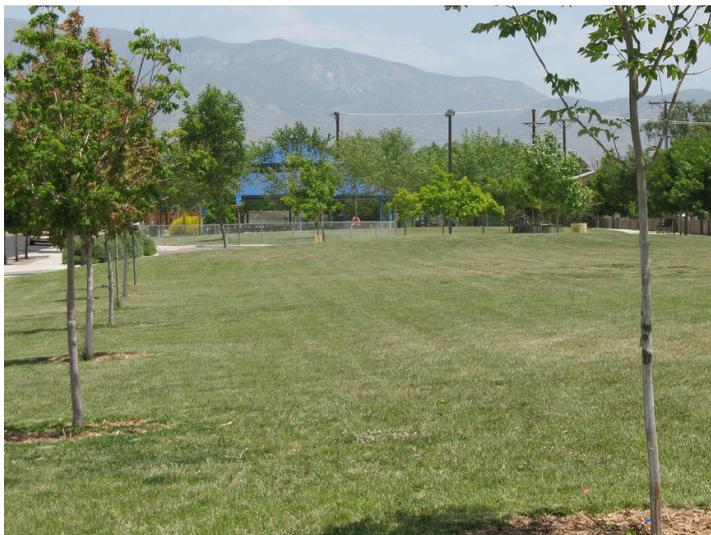
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# What is a neighborhood association?

And why they matter.



A neighborhood association is a group of residents, property owners, businesses, and non-profits who come together to form a community, and to advocate for and organize activities within a specific geographical area that shares a common identity.

## What Does a Neighborhood Association Do?

A neighborhood association comes together to build relationships, exchange information, discuss concerns, prioritize needs in the area, identify solutions, and work toward a common goal for the good of their community. Each association can positively impact the life of each person within the boundaries of the neighborhood for the better.

## Why Should I Join?

Joining a neighborhood association not only amplifies your voice, but helps create a community with a shared vision and goal. When neighbors come together, it shows that the neighborhood is united and ready to make an impact on their community.

## Neighborhood Associations & Community Policing

Some services that APD provides to neighborhoods interested in community policing include:

- Block Captain Training
- Crime Prevention Specialists
- Neighborhood Patrols
- Neighborhood Watch Programs

## What Is The Office of Neighborhood Coordination?

The Office of Neighborhood Coordination (ONC) helps create and promote healthy and vibrant neighborhoods, and supports residents as they more actively and constructively engage with their community. We assist neighborhoods in utilizing existing resources and maintaining meaningful involvement with local communities and government.

Want to find out if you live within the boundaries of a neighborhood association?  
Call the ONC at (505) 768-3334 or e-mail us at: [onc@cabq.gov](mailto:onc@cabq.gov) and we can connect you to your association, or help you start a new one! •

# Quintessence - Neighbors and Family

Jim Frey, Andrea Landaker, Judy Henderson, Barbara Cohen, Jaye Bullington, and Chris Rabi, pictured at right, are the board of the Quintessence Neighborhood Association (QNA) and the driving force behind many of that neighborhood's happiest accomplishments.

"Together, we get more done than we do as individuals, and that's the heart of what our association does," said Landaker, who is the current president of Quintessence. We have an amazing board who devote countless hours to making our streets, our parks, our residents and our neighborhood in general a better place to live."

Established in 2003, QNA works closely not only with their city councilor in District 4, but they also have facilitated weed removal projects, worked to get dog bag clean-up stations installed and maintained at the Quintessence Park, interact constantly with their police Area Command to ensure neighborhood safety, and have worked hard to annually bring their Fall Festival to the neighborhood.

People tell us that the Fall Festival is their favorite event and that makes us all so happy to hear because we really want our neighborhood residents to feel part of everything we're doing here," said Landaker.

The Quintessence Park was completed in 2004, to the delight of the association board and neighborhood in general, who use this multi-purpose space for picnics, sporting events and the much-loved Fall Festival each October.



For the Fall Festival, the association provides free hot dogs and drinks, there is a costume contest, games and prizes, a raffle, and a decorated pumpkin contest - all designed to showcase neighborhood unity and also to bring in more neighborhood association members.

"We're always working to increase membership," said Frey. "We have about 50 overall members in a 300-household area, so obviously we'd love to get more involvement and the Fall Festival is a great way to showcase how beneficial being a member really is."



We all know that Albuquerque has great weather year-round, and those of us who have lived here our entire lives take it for granted.

But when Michael Quinn moved here from the Midwest, he thought “that blue sky is the most beautiful thing I’ve ever seen! I can finally breathe!”



## WHAT MAKES ALBUQUERQUE GREAT?



Quinn, a native of Michigan, moved to Albuquerque in the late 1990s. A veteran of the sometimes brutal Midwestern winters, he was so impressed with Albuquerque’s nearly 300 days of sunshine a year that he had to stay, and calls the Near North Valley home.

“I love the outdoors and here in Albuquerque, I can be outdoors most of the year. I can run, ride my bike, birdwatch, take the dogs for long walks, and I really do feel like the air is different here. I breathe easier under that big, open sky,” Quinn says.

## CLEAR SKIES AND

## ROOM TO BREATHE!

Albuquerque is at 5,312 elevation. This, combined with our stunning blue skies, mountain and bosque views, and beautiful seasonal colors, have inspired writers, painters, and many others to set down roots, return from other places, or never want to leave.

“Moving here was the best thing I ever did,” agrees Quinn. “The sky is like a friend that’s always there. ●



# FOLLOW-UP ZONE CONVERSIONS

Thank you to the Wells Park Neighborhood Association and Bear Canyon Neighborhood Association for fantastic efforts to help property owners in their areas understand and take advantage of the free process to convert Integrated Development Ordinance (IDO) zones to better match existing land uses on their properties.

You can find out about the voluntary zone conversion process by going to the project website and downloading information brochures and forms for property owners in English and Spanish at: [www.abc-zone.com/post-ido-voluntary-zone-conversion-process](http://www.abc-zone.com/post-ido-voluntary-zone-conversion-process)

Planning staff will submit the first batch of zone conversions into the City's review and approval process at the end of November. It takes time for staff to analyze each property owner form to confirm eligibility, so submit your form soon to be included in the first batch that will be submitted to the City's review and approval process in May 2019.

Mail: CABQ Planning Department, UDD/Long Range,  
PO Box 1293, Albuquerque, NM 87103  
E-mail: [abctoz@cabq.gov](mailto:abctoz@cabq.gov)

In person: Plaza del Sol, 600 2nd St. NW, ground floor  
at the Development Review Services counter

If you would like help designing a flyer tailored to your neighborhood, or have staff come to one of your Neighborhood Association meetings to explain the process and help property owners fill out the form to opt in, call 505-924-3960 and ask for the ABC-Z team. The team also takes appointments and walk-ins on Friday afternoons from 2-4 p.m.

## DO I NEED A ZONE CONVERSION?



Does your property fall under one of these categories?

### NONCONFORMING USE:

IS YOUR USE NOT ALLOWED IN YOUR ZONE?

### VOLUNTARY DOWNZONE:

DO YOU WANT A LESS-INTENSE ZONE CATEGORY?

### FORMER SU OR R-D ZONE:

DO YOU HAVE AN UNDEVELOPED PROPERTY THAT USED TO BE ZONED SU-1, SU-2, SU-3, OR R-D?

### FLOATING ZONE LINE:

DOES YOUR PROPERTY HAVE MORE THAN 1 ZONE?

### SIZE THRESHOLDS FOR PD OR NR-BP :

IS YOUR PROPERTY ZONED PD AND LESS THAN 2 ACRES OR GREATER THAN 20 ACRES? OR ZONED NR-BP AND LESS THAN 20 ACRES?

## WHAT DO I DO NOW?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, you may be eligible for a free zoning conversion.

Get more information or opt in now at [TINYURL.COM/IDOZONECONVERSION](http://TINYURL.COM/IDOZONECONVERSION)



# KNOW YOUR ZONE!

Did you know that your zoning changed when the Integrated Development Ordinance (IDO) went into effect on May 17, 2018? You're not alone! All zoning in the City of Albuquerque changed.

Visit this website to look up your zone:  
<https://tinyurl.com/IDOzonelookup>

## KNOW YOUR ZONE

### LOOK-UP



Go to [tinyurl.com/zonelookup](https://tinyurl.com/zonelookup).

This is the website developed by the CABQ Planning Department to help you find your zone.

### SEARCH



Type your address in the search bar and hit enter.

Be sure to include your quadrant (NE, SE, NW, SW).

### DISCOVER



Click on your property to see your zone.

You will see a combination of letters or numbers separated by a dash (R-IB or MX-H).

### KNOW



Your zone will be described in the in the summary table.

The IDO has 19 zones in 3 categories: Residential, Mixed-use, and Non-residential.

### Now you know your zone!

Keep in mind, you may be eligible for a free zone conversion. Learn more at [tinyurl.com/zoneconversion](https://tinyurl.com/zoneconversion).



To find out how the Zone Conversion process works, visit:  
[abc-zone.com/faq/how-can-my-neighborhood-association-help-support-follow-zone-conversion-process](http://abc-zone.com/faq/how-can-my-neighborhood-association-help-support-follow-zone-conversion-process)

# NEEDLE PICKUP WORKSHOP UNITES NEIGHBORS



A clear Saturday morning on October 20 found members of the Bel Air Neighborhood Association and the North Eastern Association of Residents (NEAR) learning how to pick up needles and syringes at Bel-Air Park. Fortified with coffee and doughnuts, these residents (shown at left) worked with Francelli Lugo and Kaitlin Greenberg of the City's Environmental Health Department, learning how to safely pick up and dispose of the needles that had become a safety and health hazard at the park.

NEAR is offering training to other groups on safe needle pickup. E-mail: [flops2@juno.com](mailto:flops2@juno.com) or [jomartin87112@zoho.com](mailto:jomartin87112@zoho.com) to learn more.



## What Makes Albuquerque GREAT?

Let us know what makes Albuquerque great by e-mailing: [onc@cabq.gov](mailto:onc@cabq.gov) and we'll feature your answer in an upcoming newsletter!



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# HOWDY NEIGHBOR!

## Want to get involved?

If you want to learn more about neighborhood associations, or find out what resources we can bring to your neighborhood, contact us! Our vision is to have an engaged, connected city based on trust with safe, diverse communities that have a voice and feel empowered to address their concerns in a meaningful way.

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